

# Denali Park Road Visitor Survey 2007



ID \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Conditions:**

Approximate temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ (degrees Fahrenheit)

(Please circle all that apply):

Cloudy    Sunny    Rainy    Smokey    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of road user (please circle a user type):**

RV User    VTS Bus User    Lodge Bus User    Tour Bus User    Other (specify type)

↓  
Camper Bus User  
or  
General Bus User

↓  
Tundra Wilderness Tour  
or  
Natural History Tour

[This first page is for the surveyor to complete before giving the questionnaire to the respondent.]

1. How long did you spend traveling along the Denali Park Road today?

Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How far out on the Denali Park Road did you go on this trip? (Circle one number.)

1. Savage River
2. Sanctuary River
3. Teklanika
4. Polychrome Pass
5. Toklat River
6. Fish Creek
7. Wonder Lake
8. Other (please specify destination): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Don't know

3a. Have you been on the Denali Park Road before today? (Circle one number.)

1. Yes
2. No (Skip to question 4.)

b. How many times have you been on the Denali Park Road before today?

Number of times (not including this time): \_\_\_\_\_

c. In what year did you first travel on the Denali Park Road?

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate the extent to which you think the following issues are problems on the Denali Park Road. (Circle one number for each issue.)

	Extent of the Problem			
	Not a Problem	Small Problem	Big Problem	Don't Know
<b>Vehicles on the Road</b>				
a. Too many buses on the Denali Park Road	1	2	3	DK
b. Too many private cars/recreational vehicles (RVs) on the Denali Park Road	1	2	3	DK
<b>Seeing Wildlife</b>				
c. Not seeing enough wildlife	1	2	3	DK
d. Not seeing enough wildlife <u>close to the road</u>	1	2	3	DK
e. Too few animals along the road	1	2	3	DK

	Extent of the Problem			
	Not a Problem	Small Problem	Big Problem	Don't Know
f. Wildlife being scared away from the road by buses	1	2	3	DK
g. Other buses blocking views	1	2	3	DK
h. Too many buses at "wildlife stops"	1	2	3	DK
i. Visitors not following rules for observing wildlife while on the bus	1	2	3	DK
j. Bus drivers not providing enough time at "wildlife stops"	1	2	3	DK
<b>The Buses</b>				
k. Dust generated by buses	1	2	3	DK
l. Uncomfortable seating on buses	1	2	3	DK
m. Too many people on buses	1	2	3	DK
n. Bus noise along the road	1	2	3	DK
o. Noisy people on the bus	1	2	3	DK
p. Too many buses at rest stops	1	2	3	DK
q. Buses being poorly maintained	1	2	3	DK
r. Windows on buses not working properly	1	2	3	DK
s. Windows on buses are dirty	1	2	3	DK
t. Bus drivers not stopping when asked	1	2	3	DK
u. Lack of interpretive information provided on the bus	1	2	3	DK
<b>Other</b>				
v. Lack of visitor facilities (e.g., restrooms)	1	2	3	DK
w. Degradation of the quality of the Denali Park Road	1	2	3	DK
x. Degradation of the wilderness character of the Denali Park Road (e.g., by buildings and human presence)	1	2	3	DK
y. Not having binoculars	1	2	3	DK
z. Poor weather	1	2	3	DK
aa. Smoke from wildfires	1	2	3	DK
bb. Feeling unsafe traveling along the road	1	2	3	DK
cc. Brush along the road obscured view of wildlife	1	2	3	DK
dd. Other factors (please specify):	1	2	3	DK
_____	1	2	3	DK
_____	1	2	3	DK
_____	1	2	3	DK

5. We would like to know how many buses you think could use the Denali Park Road without you feeling too crowded. To help judge this, we have a series of photographs that show different numbers of buses on the Denali Park Road. Please look at the photographs on **Poster A**.

- a. Please rate each photograph by indicating how acceptable you think it is based on the number of buses shown. A rating of “-4” means the number of buses is “very unacceptable”, and a rating of “+4” means the number of buses is “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable						Very Acceptable		
Photo 1	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 2	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 3	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 4	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 6	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 7	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

- b. Which photograph shows the level of use you would prefer to see?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Which photograph shows the level of use that is so unacceptable that you would no longer use the Denali Park Road? (If none of the photographs represent this condition, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ None of the photographs are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the Denali Park Road.

- d. Which photograph shows the highest level of use that the National Park Service should allow on the Denali Park Road? In other words, at what point should buses be restricted from using the road? (If use should not be restricted at any point represented by the photographs, or not restricted at all, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ None of the photographs show a high enough level of use to restrict buses from using the road.

OR

☐ Vehicle use should not be restricted on the road.

- e. Which photograph looks most like the number of buses you typically saw on the Denali Park Road today?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. We would like to know how many buses you think can be stopped at the same place to observe wildlife on the Denali Park Road without you feeling too crowded. To help judge this, we have a series of photographs that show different numbers of buses stopped to observe wildlife on the Denali Park Road. Please look at the photographs on **Poster B**.

- a. Please rate each photograph by indicating how acceptable you think it is based on the number of buses shown that are stopped to observe wildlife. A rating of “-4” means the number of buses is “very unacceptable”, and a rating of “+4” means the number of buses is “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable						Very Acceptable		
Photo 1	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 2	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 3	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 4	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 6	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 7	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 8	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

- b. Which photograph shows the number of buses stopped to observe wildlife that you would prefer to see?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Which photograph shows the number of buses stopped to observe wildlife that is so unacceptable that you would no longer use the Denali Park Road? (If none of the photographs represent this condition, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- ☐ None of the photographs are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the Denali Park Road.

- d. Which photograph shows the highest number of buses stopped to observe wildlife that the National Park Service should allow on the Denali Park Road? In other words, at what point should buses be restricted from using the road? (If the number of buses should not be restricted at any point represented by the photographs, or not restricted at all, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ None of the photographs show a high enough number of buses to restrict use of the road.

OR

☐ Vehicle use of the road should not be restricted.

- e. Which photograph looks most like the number of buses you typically saw stopped to observe wildlife on the Denali Park Road today?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. When buses are stopped to see wildlife, people often have to “wait their turn” to see the wildlife. What do you think is the maximum acceptable time that people should have to wait at wildlife stops to see wildlife? Please rate the acceptability of each of the following waiting times to see wildlife. A rating of “-4” means the waiting time is “very unacceptable” and a rating of “+4” means the waiting time is “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each waiting time.)

	Very Unacceptable						Very Acceptable		
Not having to wait	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 1 minute	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 2 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 3 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 4 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 5 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 10 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Waiting 15 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

8. We would like to know how many buses you think can be stopped at a rest area along the Denali Park Road without you feeling too crowded. To help judge this, we have a series of photographs that show different numbers of buses at a rest area on the Denali Park Road. Please look at the photographs on **Poster C**.

- a. Please rate each photograph by indicating how acceptable you think it is based on the number of buses shown at a rest area. A rating of “-4” means the number of buses is “very unacceptable”, and a rating of “+4” means the number of buses is “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable						Very Acceptable		
Photo 1	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 2	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 3	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 4	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 6	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 7	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 8	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

- b. Which photograph shows the number of buses at a rest area that you would prefer to see?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Which photograph shows the number of buses at a rest area that is so unacceptable that you would no longer use the Denali Park Road? (If none of the photographs represent this condition, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ None of the photographs are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the Denali Park Road.

- d. Which photograph shows the highest number of buses at a rest area that the National Park Service should allow on the Denali Park Road? In other words, at what point should buses be restricted from using the road? (If use should not be restricted at any point represented by the photographs, or not restricted at all, you may indicate that.)

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ None of the photographs show a high enough number of buses at rest areas to restrict use on the Denali Park Road

OR

☐ Vehicle use should not be restricted on the Denali Park Road.

- e. Which photograph looks most like the number of buses you typically saw at rest areas on the Denali Park Road today?

Photo number: \_\_\_\_\_

9. How crowded did you feel while at the following locations on the Denali Park Road today?  
(Circle one number for each location.)

	Not at all Crowded		Slightly Crowded		Moderately Crowded		Extremely Crowded		
a. While traveling along the Denali Park Road?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
b. While at rest stops along the Denali Park Road?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
c. While stopped to view wildlife on the Denali Park Road?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

10. Please rate the acceptability of the following percent chances of a visitor seeing a Grizzly Bear along the Denali Park Road. A rating of “-4” means the chance of a visitor seeing a Grizzly Bear along the Denali Park Road is “very unacceptable”, and a rating of “+4” means the chance of a visitor seeing a Grizzly Bear along the Denali Park Road is “very acceptable”.

	Very Unacceptable					Very Acceptable				
100% chance of seeing a bear	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
75% chance of seeing a bear	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
50% chance of seeing a bear	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
25% chance of seeing a bear	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
0% chance of seeing a bear	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	



- 11a. We would like to know which types of wildlife you saw on the Denali Park Road today, and if you were satisfied with the views of each type of wildlife. Please circle “Yes”, “No”, or “Not Applicable” for Sections A and B for each type of wildlife listed below.

Type of Wildlife	Section A		Section B		
	Did you see this type of wildlife today?		Were you satisfied with your views of this type of wildlife today?		
Grizzly Bear	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Wolf	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Caribou	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Dall Sheep	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Moose	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Other types (please specify): _____	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not Applicable

- b. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the experience of viewing wildlife on the Denali Park Road today? (Please circle one number).

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
-2	-1	0	1	2

12. To what extent did you feel you were traveling through wilderness while on the Denali Park Road today? (Circle one number.)

I never felt like I was traveling through wilderness				I always felt like I was traveling through wilderness
-2	-1	0	1	2

13. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with your overall experience along the Denali Park Road today? (Circle one number.)

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
-2	-1	0	1	2

14. Did your experience on the Denali Park Road today directly contribute to your understanding of any of the following reasons for why Denali National Park was established as a unit of the National Park System? (Circle "Yes" or "No" for each reason.)

<b>Reasons for why Denali National Park was established as a unit of the National Park System.</b>	<b>Did your experience on the Denali Park Road contribute to your understanding of this reason for establishing the Park?</b>	
To protect and interpret Mt. McKinley (i.e., Denali) and additional scenic mountain peaks	Yes	No
To protect habitat for populations of fish and wildlife	Yes	No
To provide opportunities for mountain climbing, mountaineering and other wilderness recreational activities	Yes	No
To conserve scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife	Yes	No
To provide for public enjoyment of scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in a manner that will leave these things unimpaired for enjoyment by future generations	Yes	No

15. Do you live in the United States? (Circle one number.)

1. Yes (What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_)
2. No (What country do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_)

Thank you for your help with this survey! Please return it to the survey field staff.

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